

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 313

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Louis D. Daniels of Bartlett.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Louis D. Daniels; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daniels was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Commander Louis Daniels served his country with great distinction as a member of the United States Navy, demonstrating considerable courage and leadership over the course of more than a quarter century in the military; and

WHEREAS, Louis Daniels also served with honor and integrity as an attorney, in which position he earned the respect of his clients and colleagues alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, born in 1925 in Marks, Mississippi, to Douglas and Louise Daniels, Louis Daniels answered his country's call to duty during World War II, joining the United States Navy as an apprentice seaman in 1943; and

WHEREAS, he served on the USS Rocky Mount, the USS Curtis, the USS Forrestal, the USS Shadwell, and the USS Sacramento, of which he was a "plank owner;" and

WHEREAS, after achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander and devoting over twenty-five years of his life to the defense of his country, he retired from the Navy in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daniels was admitted to the Tennessee Bar in 1949, and after his retirement from the Navy, he practiced law for forty years before retiring in February 2009; and

WHEREAS, Louis Daniels was an active member of several esteemed civic groups, including the Optimist International; he served as President of the Raleigh Optimist Club for two

terms and Lieutenant Governor of his zone for one term, and he served as President of the Raleigh Community Council for four years; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Louis Daniels received a number of distinctions over the course of his military career, including the Navy Unit Commendation, the Navy Good Conduct Medal with two stars, the American Theater Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with four stars, the Philippine Liberation Medal with two stars, the World War II Victory Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with one star, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal with two stars; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of the Calvary Church of the Nazarene, which he served faithfully for ten years as a member of the Church Board; along with his wife, Mr. Daniels received the church's Distinguished Service Award in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Louis Daniels was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of sixty-three years, Lois Daniels, who survives him along with their daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Michael Ford, Sandra and Mark Sissom, Kim and Alan Wood, Debra Turner, and Linda Hodges; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his brothers, Arthur Daniels, Doy Daniels, and Luther Daniels; his sisters, Jewell Guresko, Jean Autry, Ruth Dunn, Ann Peeler, and Margaret Donahoo; his seven grandchildren; his six great-grandchildren; and his many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Louis Daniels leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Louis D. Daniels, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Daniels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.